

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: MOV00370.MP4

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1001750.000

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not applicable

Producer: Not applicable

Country of origin: New Zealand

Language: English

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 13 December 2010

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	MOV00370.MP4	0:04
Total running time:		0:04

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, and the use of coercion to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct.

The publication is a video clip taken with a cellphone camera. The brief clip shows the sexual exploitation of a young woman in her mid-teens who has been coerced by a group of youths into

a degrading sexual act. The young woman's refusal to continue with the activity is clearly shown. The clip shows part of a series of activities and coercion is evident in the wider context.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from coercion and sexual exploitation.